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Chapter 1 User Guide Overview

The ParishE-File.com User Guide is designed to help you manage returns, Tax ID registrations, updated taxpayer information, and payments online.

This guide provides information on using all available ParishE-File.com tools and options.

Using the User Guide

The User Guide is organized into sections that describe tasks you may need to complete. To use the guide most effectively, refer to it with a specific task in mind. Then consult the table of contents to locate the section of this guide that contains information on the topic.

The User Guide can also be used to supplement a training workshop. If you have attended a ParishE-File.com training workshop, you have received a training workbook. Topics in the workbook have assigned page numbers that correspond to the page numbers in this guide.

Some sections will reference information in other sections. Cross-references are styled like this: "See **Example**." The name of the section is bold. Use the **Contents** table to find the referenced section.

Additional Information Resources

In addition to this guide, other information resources are available:

Websites

The following websites can help answer questions you may have:

- www.parishe-file.revenue.louisiana.gov/faq.aspx offers answers to frequently asked questions.
- www.parishe-file.revenue.louisiana.gov/lookup/lookup.aspx offers contact information and rate information for parishes in Louisiana.

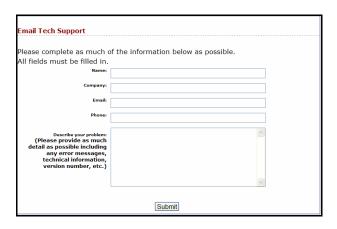
Email

You can contact RAMware directly by sending email to:

• parishefile@la.gov for general comments and questions; for technical questions, requests or suggestions; and for technical support.

Or:

On ParishE-File.com. Place your mouse-pointer over **Support** on the menu bar. Select **Email Us** from the drop-down menu. An **Email Tech Support** screen appears. Type in the fields. Click **Submit** when you are finished.



Telephone/Fax

You can contact RAMware directly by calling:

Local: 225-215-0100

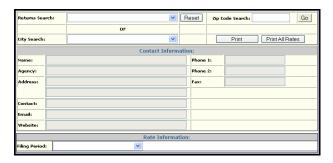
Toll Free: 1-800-227-7059

Or by faxing:

Fax: 225-215-0090

Lookup

1. On the ParishE-File.com homepage, click **Lookup** on the menu bar.



- 2. Select a **Return** or **City** from the drop-down menus.
- 3. Or, type a **Zip Code** in the field. Click **Go**.
- 4. Contact information and rate information for the return, city, or zip code appears.
- 5. Click the **Print** button to print the displayed page.
- 6. Select a **Filing Period** from the drop-down menu and click the **Print All Rates** button to print a list of all rates for all returns.

Chapter 2 Getting Started Using ParishE-File.com

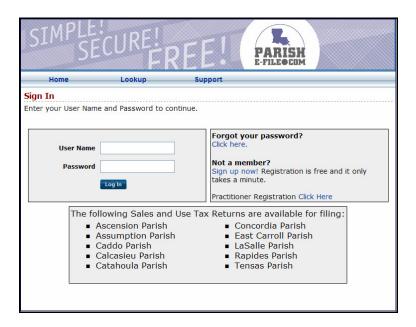
ParishE-File.com works best with the following applications on your system:

- A Portable Document Format (PDF) Reader. Install any version of the free program, Adobe Acrobat Reader. This program allows you to view and print PDF files. Details and system requirements for this software can be found at the Adobe website: http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html
- A web browser such as Internet Explorer Version 6.0 and newer or Mozilla Firefox version 2.0 and newer.
- A desktop email client such as Microsoft Outlook, Microsoft Outlook Express, and others. These programs will automatically create an addressed message when linked from ParishE-File.com

Note: The names of other companies, products and services may be the property of their respective owners.

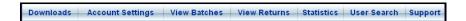
Starting ParishE-File.com

Start using ParishE-File.com by opening a recommended web browser. Type www.ParishE-File.com or www.ParishE-File.revenue.louisiana.gov in the browser's address bar. The homepage appears.



Using the ParishE-File.com Menu Bar

The menu bar appears at the top of every page on ParishE-File.com. Click directly on a label on the menu bar or place your mouse-pointer over the label to view the drop-down menus.



Setting Up a New Account

Each parish has been assigned a User Name and default Password. The default settings for your account are in the system. See **Logging In-First Time** to log in with your User Name and default Password. See other sections in this manual to customize settings for your account.

Logging In – First Time

▼To log in for the first time:

1. In the **User Name** and **Password** fields, type your assigned user name and default password.



2. Click **Log In**. The **Login Secret Question and Answer** page appears.



3. In the **Secret Question** and **Answer** fields, type a secret question and its answer. Choose a secret question whose answer only you will know. If you forget your password or reset an expired password, you will be required to answer this secret question.

- 4. In the **Current Default Password** field, type the default password you used to log in
- 5. In the **New Password** field, type a new password. In the **Confirm New Password** field, type the new password again.

Note: Passwords must be at least six characters long, contain at least one number, and contain at least one capitalized letter.

6. Click Save.

Logging In – Second and Subsequent Times

\mathbf{V} To log in for the second time:

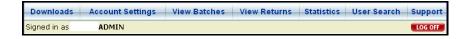
1. In the **User Name** and **Password** fields, type your User Name and new password.



2. Click **Log In**. The **Downloads** page appears.

Exiting ParishE-File.com

To end a session on ParishE-File.com, click the red **Log Off** button, located beneath the menu bar.

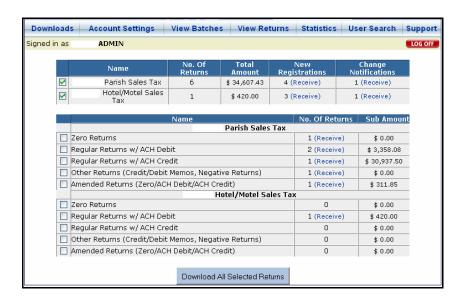


Downloading New Registrations

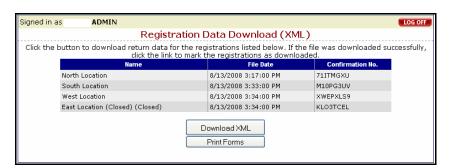
New Registrations appear in the main download table when taxpayers register a new business location and apply for a Tax ID at that location. The system sends you an email each time a taxpayer registers for a Tax ID.

▼To download a new registration:

1. Click **Downloads** on the menu bar. The **Downloads** page appears with the main download table.



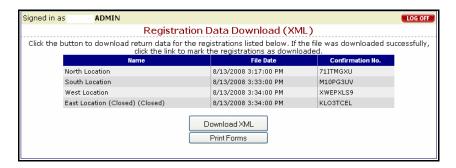
2. Click **Receive** next to the New Registration batch you wish to download. The **Registration Data Download** page appears.



3. Click the **Download XML** button. A **File Download** prompt window appears.



- 4. Click **Save**. Save the file in an accessible and secure location.
- 5. The **Registration Data Download** page appears.



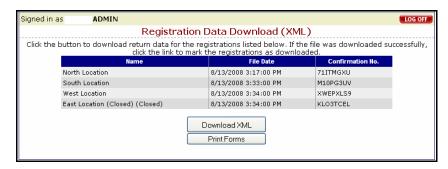
- 6. See **Printing New Registrations** to print the registration forms in this batch.
- 7. See **Finishing New Registrations** to finish the registration download and clear the new registrations from the main download table.

Printing New Registrations

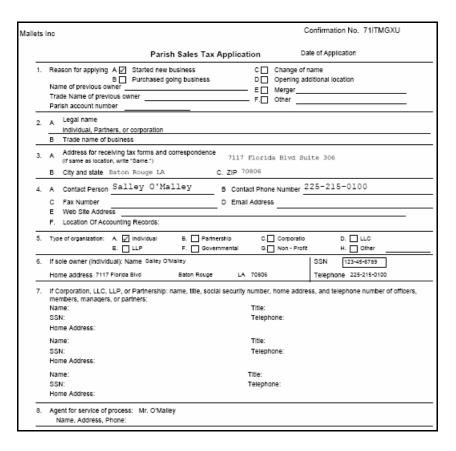
At this time, you must print before you can finish

▼To print a new registration:

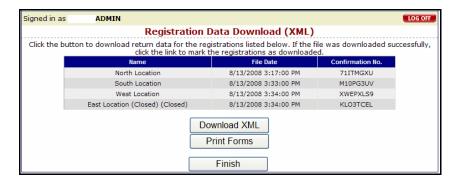
1. See **Downloading New Registrations**. After the **Registration Data Download** page appears:



- 2. On the **Registration Data Download** page, click the **Print Forms** button.
- 3. A new window appears with PDF copies of the registration forms in the batch.



- 4. Click the printer icon in the upper-left corner of the PDF file viewer or print using your web browser.
- 5. After you have printed, a new button labeled **Finish** appears on the **Registration Data Download** page. See **Finishing New Registrations**.



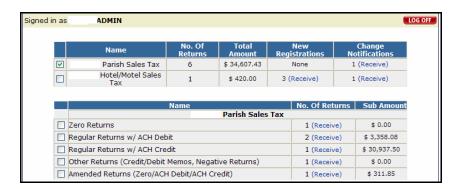
Finishing New Registrations

At this time, you must print before you can finish

- **▼**To finish a new registration:
 - 1. See Printing New Registrations. After you have printed new registrations:
 - 2. On the **Registration Data Download** page, click the **Finish** button.



3. The **Downloads** page appears with the main download table. The registration batch you printed and finished no longer appears in the table.

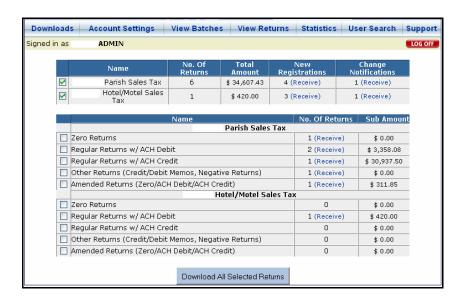


Downloading Change Notifications

Change Notifications appear in the main download table when taxpayers make changes to their company, business location, or contact information. The system sends you an email each night, notifying you of the number of changes made in the previous day.

▼To download a change notification:

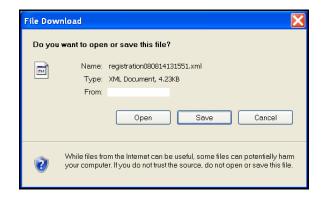
1. Click **Downloads** on the menu bar. The **Downloads** page appears with the main download table.



 Click Receive next to the Change Notification batch you wish to download. The Registration Data Download page appears.



3. Click the **Download XML** button. A **File Download** prompt window appears.



- 4. Click **Save**. Save the file in an accessible and secure location.
- 5. The **Registration Data Download** page appears.



- 6. See **Printing Change Notifications** to print the notification forms in this batch.
- 7. See **Finishing Change Notifications** to finish the notification download and clear the change notifications from the main download table.

Printing Change Notifications

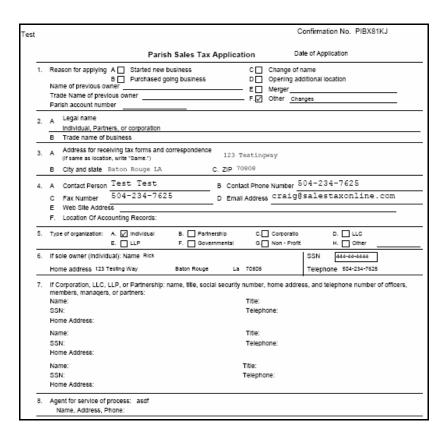
At this time, you must print before you can finish

▼To print a change notification:

1. See **Downloading Change Notifications**. After the Registration Data Download page appears:



- 2. On the **Registration Data Download** page, click the **Print Forms** button.
- 3. A new window appears with PDF file copies of the notification forms in the batch.



- 4. Click the printer icon in the upper-left corner of the PDF file viewer or print using your web browser.
- 5. After you have printed, a new button labeled **Finish** appears on the **Registration Data Download** page. See **Finishing Change Notifications**.



Finishing Change Notifications

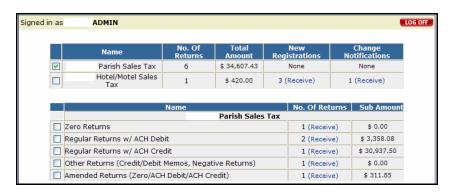
At this time, you must print before you can finish

▼To finish a change notification:

- 1. See **Printing Change Notifications**. After you have printed change notifications:
- 2. On the **Registration Data Download** page, click the **Finish** button.



3. The **Downloads** page appears with the main download table. The notification batch you printed and finished no longer appears in the table.

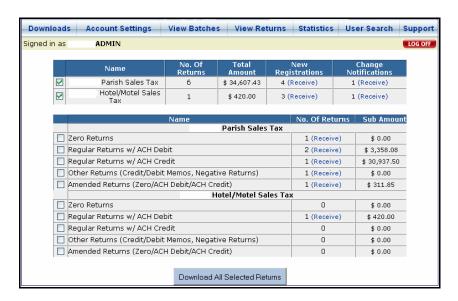


Understanding the Main Download Table

The **top table** lists the returns for your parish.

The columns in the top table indicate the:

- **Number of Returns**: the total number of returns ready to be downloaded. This number does not include New Registrations or Change Notifications.
- **Total Amount**: the sum total of ACH Debit payments ready to be downloaded.
- **New Registrations**: the number of taxpayers requesting a Tax ID.
- Change Notifications: the number of taxpayers who have updated their company or business location information.



The **bottom tables** organize the total number of returns into five categories. For each checkbox you click in the top table, a corresponding bottom table will appear.

The columns indicate the category of return, the number of returns in that category and the payment sub-amount in that category.

The rows indicate:

- **Zero Returns**: those with a zero balance.
- Regular Returns with ACH Debit payments: those with accompanying taxpayer bank account information. The taxing authority initiates the transaction by withdrawing payment from the taxpayer's bank account.
- Regular Returns with ACH Credit payments: those without accompanying taxpayer bank account information. The taxpayer initiates the transaction by depositing payment into the taxing authority's bank account. Taxpayers making ACH

Credit payments are responsible for contacting their taxing authority to obtain bank account information.

- Other Returns: those with a Credit/Debit Memo or a Negative Payment Amount.
- **Amended Returns**: those that have been amended. Amended returns remain separate from original returns.

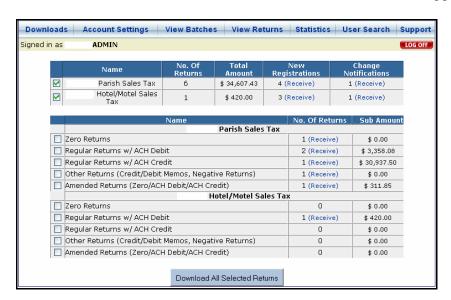
A taxpayer must meet four requirements before filing an amended parish return:

- 1. The original return must have been filed on ParishE-File.com,
- 2. The original return must have been filed on time,
- 3. Line 24 (Credit Memo) must be blank on the original return,
- 4. Line 24 (Credit Memo) must be blank on the amended return.

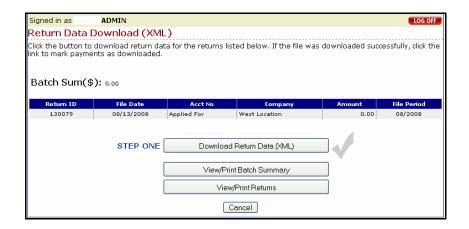
Receiving Returns from One Category

▼To receive returns from one category:

1. Click **Downloads** on the menu bar. The **Main Download Table** appears.



- 2. In the top table, click the checkboxes next to the return tables you would like to view
- 3. In the bottom table, click **Receive** next to the category of returns you wish to receive. The **Return Data Download** page appears.

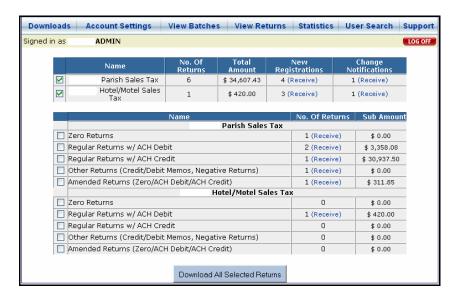


- 4. OR, in the bottom table, click the checkbox in the row of the category of return you wish to receive. Click **Download All Selected Returns**. **The Return Data Download** page appears.
- 5. To continue, see **Downloading Returns**, **Step 4**.

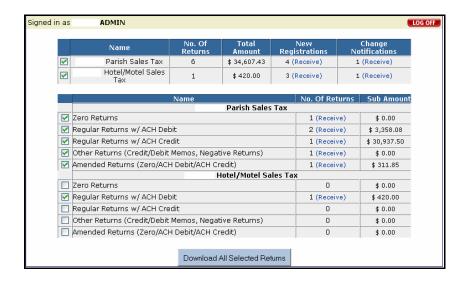
Receiving Returns from Multiple Categories

▼To receive returns from multiple categories:

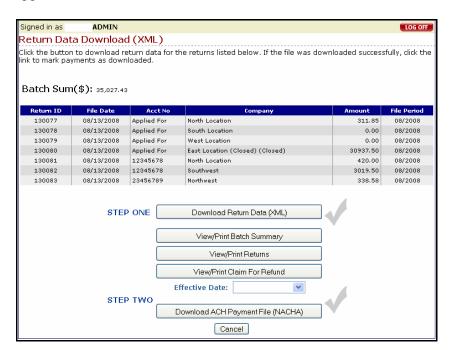
1. Click **Downloads** on the menu bar. The **Main Download Table** appears.



- 2. In the top table, click the checkboxes next to the return tables you would like to view.
- 3. In the bottom table, click the checkboxes in the rows of the categories of return you wish to receive.



4. Click **Download All Selected Returns**. **The Return Data Download** page appears.



5. To continue, see **Downloading Returns**, **Step 5**.

Data File Name Table

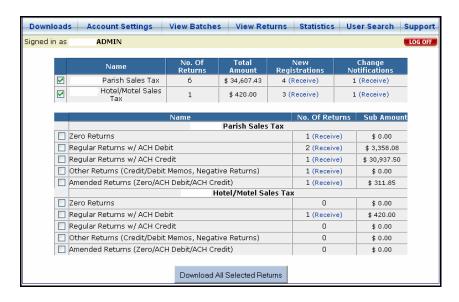
This table shows the type of data that a download file contains. When you download batches of registrations or returns, the file name is made up of a name, letters, and numbers. The name is sometimes abbreviated with a letter so a file name can show that it contains multiple types of data.

Type of Data	File Name YY/MM/DD/HH/MM/SS	Type of File
Data for New Registrations or Change Notifications	registration080708163519	.xml
Return Data for Zero Returns (or Z)	zero080708163519	.xml
Return Data for ACH Debit Payments (or R)	returns_R_080708163519	.xml
Return Data for ACH Credit Payments (or C)	credit080708163519	.xml
Return Data for Other Returns/Negative Returns (or O)	returns_O_080708163519	.xml
Return Data for Amended Returns (or A)	returns_A_080708163519	.xml
Payment Data for ACH Debit Payments	nacha080708163519	.web

Downloading Returns

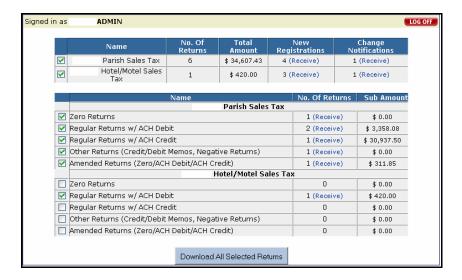
▼To download a return or batch of returns:

1. Click **Downloads** on the menu bar. The **Main Download Table** appears.

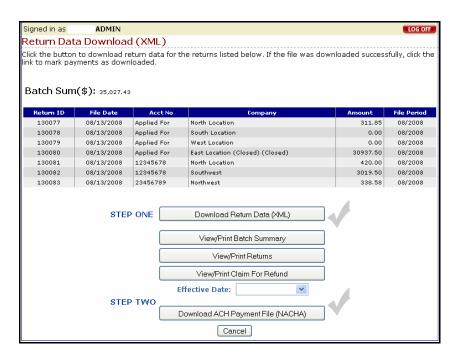


2. In the **top** table, click the checkboxes next to the return tables you wish to view.

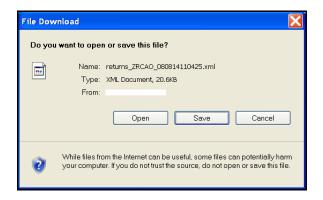
3. In the **bottom** tables, click the checkboxes in the rows of the categories of return you wish to download.



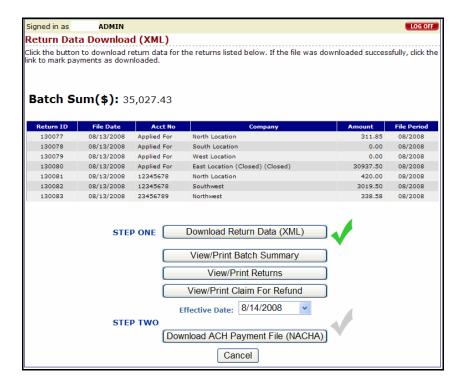
4. Click **Download All Selected Returns**. **The Return Data Download** page appears with the batch of returns.



5. Click the **Download Return Data (XML)** button. A **File Download** prompt window appears.



- 6. Click **Save**. Save the file in an accessible and secure location.
- 7. The checkmark next to Step One appears green.



8. See Viewing/Printing: Batch Summary, Returns, Claim for Refund or continue to Downloading Payments.

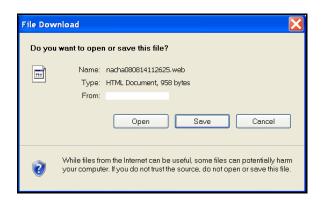
Downloading Payments

▼To select the effective date:

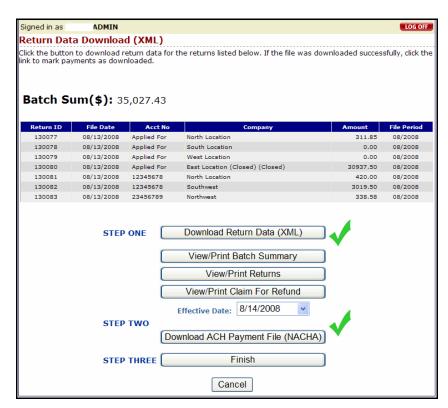
- 9. The **Effective Date** represents the date the batch of return payments is transmitted to your bank. Contact your bank to confirm their processing hours. If the payment batch to be transmitted for the current business day cannot be processed select the next business day. The **Effective Date** cannot be a weekend or holiday.
- 10. Select the **Effective Date** from the drop-down menu.

▼To download a payment or batch of payments:

11. Click the **Download ACH Payment File (NACHA)** button. A **File Download** prompt window appears.



- 12. Click Save. Save the file in an accessible and secure location.
- 13. The checkmark next to Step Two appears green. The Finish button next to Step Three appears.



14. See Viewing/Printing: Batch Summary, Returns, Claim for Refund.

Viewing/Printing: Batch Summary, Returns, Claim for Refund

▼To view/print batch summary:

15. Click the View/Print Batch Summary button. The Batch Summary Report page appears in a new window. Click the printer icon in the upper-left corner of the PDF file viewer or print using your web browser.

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			ACH Debit SubTot	al \$420.00)		
			Tota		-		
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ACH Credit		Parish Sales I	ax				
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ACH Debit							
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130083 Northwest		8/13/2008	8/31/2008	23456789	338.58		
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▼To view/print returns:

16. Click the **View/Print Returns** button. The **Return** pages appear in a new window. Click the printer icon in the upper-left corner of the PDF file viewer or print using your web browser.

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17. EXCESS TAX COLLECTED 17.									
18. TOTAL (LINE 16 PLUS LINE 17) 18.						-4.00			
Vendor's compensation 1% of Line 18 Deductible only when 19, payment not delinquent 19.									
20. NET TAX DUE (LINE 18 MINUS LINE 19) 20.						-4.00			
Delinquent 5% of tax for each 30 days or fraction thereof 21. PENALTY Delinquency not to exceed 25% of the aggregate 21.									
 INTEREST (16% per annum from date due until paid) 22. 									
23. TOTAL TAX, PENALTY AND INTEREST DUE 23.						-4.00			
24. TAX DEBIT OR CREDIT attached) 24.									
25. TOTAL AMOUNT DUE (Line 23 plus of minus 25.						-4.00			
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▼ To view/print claim for refund (only for negative returns in a batch):

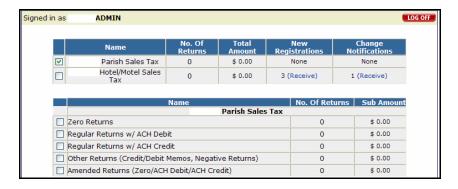
17. Click the View/Print Claim for Refund button. The Negative Return pages appear in a new window. Click the printer icon in the upper-left corner of the PDF file viewer or print using your web browser.

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		Parish S	ales Tax			
Taxpayer Name:	South Location					
Tax Account No:	Applied For					
Business Address:	7117 Florida Blv	d Suite 3	06			
	Baton Rouge	LA 7	70806	_		
Business Phone:				_		
Contact Person:				_		
E-Mail:				_		
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Finishing Return and Payment Downloads

▼ To finish a return and payment download:

18. Click the **Finish** button next to Step Three. The **Downloads** page appears. The returns no longer appear in the Main Download Table.



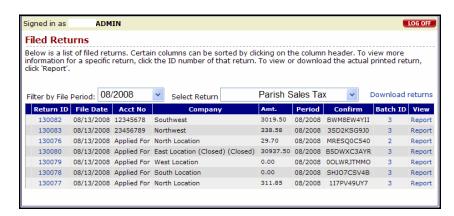
Viewing Returns

▼To view a return:

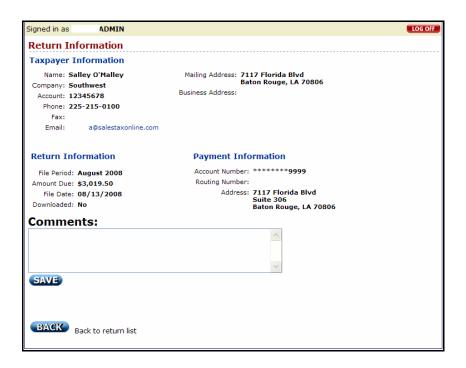
1. Click View Returns on the menu bar. The Filed Returns page appears.



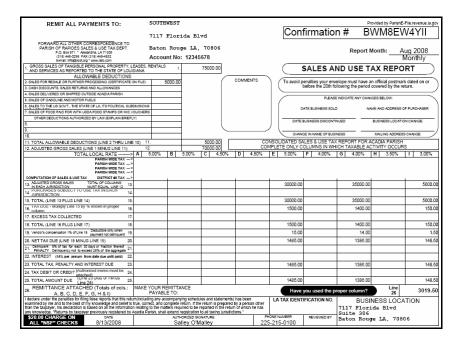
- In the File Period field, select a month/year from the drop-down menu. In the Return field, select a return from the drop-down menu. A table filtered by download month and return appears.
- 3. To sort the returns in the table, click on a column header.



4. To view taxpayer, return, and payment information, click the **Return ID** in the row of the information you wish to view. See **Entering Comments (Private)**.



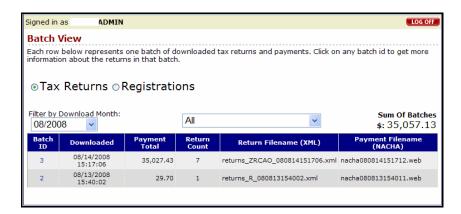
5. To view the return, click **Report** in the row of the return you wish to view.



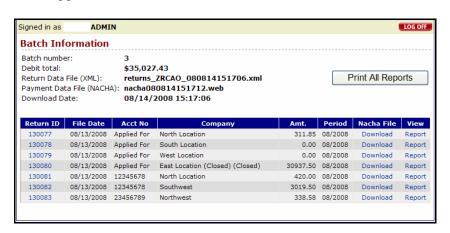
Viewing Return Batches

▼ To view a batch of returns:

1. Click **View Batches** on the menu bar. The **Batch View** page appears.



- 2. Click the circle marked **Tax Returns**. A table of batches appears.
- 3. In the **Download Month** field, select the month/year from the drop-down menu. In the next field, select the return from the drop-down menu. A table filtered by download month and return appears.
- 4. Click the **Batch ID** in the row you wish to view. A table with the returns in the batch appears.



Viewing Registration Batches

▼To view a batch of registrations:

1. Click **View Batches** on the menu bar. The **Batch View** page appears.



2. Click the circle marked **Registrations**. A table of batches appears.



- 3. In the **Download Month** field, select the month/year from the drop-down menu. In the next field, select the return from the drop-down menu. A table filtered by download month and return appears.
- 4. Click the **Batch ID** in the row you wish to view. A table with the registrations in the batch appears.



Searching for Taxpayers

▼To search for a taxpayer:

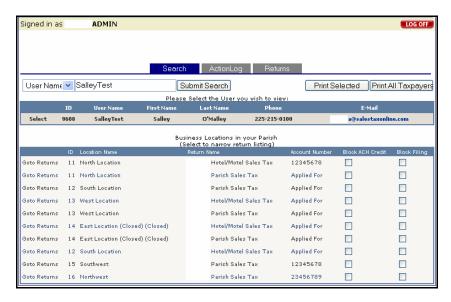
1. Click **User Search** on the menu bar. The **Search** page appears with two fields.



- 2. Select an option from the drop-down menu. Type in the field.
- 3. Click the **Submit Search** button. A table of Users appears.



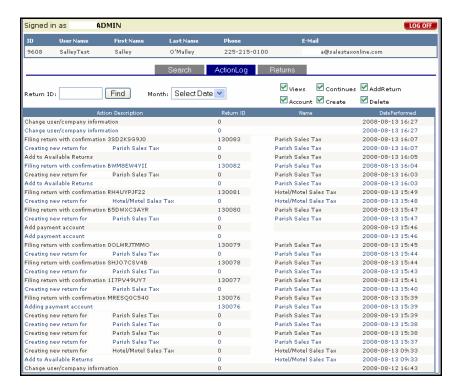
4. Click **Select** in the row of the taxpayer you wish to search. A table of **Business Locations in Your Parish** appears.



Searching the Action Log

▼To search the action log:

- 1. First, search for a taxpayer. See **Searching for Taxpayers, Steps 1-3**.
- 2. Click **Select** in the row of the taxpayer whose Action Log you wish to search.
- 3. Click the tab labeled **Action Log**. The **Action Log** appears.



- 4. In the **Return ID** field, type the return ID. Click **Find** to filter the returns in the action log.
- 5. In the **Month** field, select a date from the drop-down menu to filter the date in the action log.
- 6. Click the checkboxes to filter the actions in the action log.

Searching for Returns

▼To search for a return:

- 1. First, search for a taxpayer. See **Searching for Taxpayers, Steps 1-3**.
- 2. Click **Select** in the row of the taxpayer whose Returns you wish to search.
- 3. Click the tab labeled **Returns**. The **Returns** table appears.



- 4. In the **Return ID** field, type the return ID. Click **Find** to filter the returns in the return table.
- 5. In the **Confirmation #** field, type the confirmation number. Click **Find** to filter the returns in the return table.
- 6. In the **Filing Period** field, select a filing period from the drop-down menu to filter the date in the return table.

Searching Statistics

The statistics table displays monthly summaries of filed returns.

▼To search statistics:

- 1. Click **Statistics** on the menu bar.
- 2. Select a **return** from the drop-down menu.
- 3. Select a **year** from the drop-down menu.
- 4. Select a **filter** from the drop-down menu. Statistics appear for the selected filters.



Editing Your Contact Information (Public)

Information in the top table is used to maintain your public contact information. This information can be seen by taxpayers and other taxing authorities. See **Additional Information Resources > Lookup**.

▼To edit your public contact information:

- 1. Place your mouse-pointer over **Account Settings** on the menu bar.
- 2. Select **Contact Info** from the drop-down menu. The **Contact/User Information** page appears. Select a **User** from the drop-down menu.



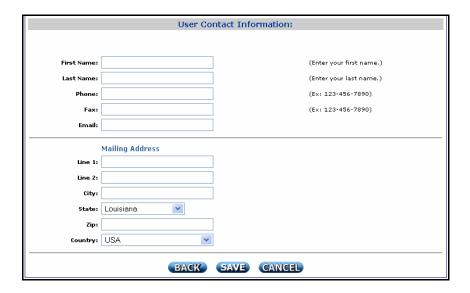
- 3. Select a **Taxing Authority** from the drop-down menu. Public contact information automatically fills the fields.
- 4. To edit, type in the fields.
- 5. Click the **Save** button at the bottom of the page.

Editing Your Contact Information (Private)

Information in the bottom table is used to maintain your user account. This information cannot be seen by taxpayers.

▼To edit your private contact information:

- 1. Place your mouse-pointer over **Account Settings** on the menu bar.
- 2. Select **Contact Info** from the drop-down menu. The **Contact/User Information** page appears. Select a **User** from the drop-down menu.



- 3. To edit, type in the fields.
- 4. Click the **Save** button.

Retrieving a Forgotten Password

▼To retrieve a forgotten password:

1. Below **Forgot your password?** on the homepage, click the **Click here** link.



2. The **Forgot Your Password?** page appears.



- 3. In the **Email Address** field, type the email address associated with the user account. In the **User Name** field, type your User Name.
- 4. Click the **Email New Password** link. The **Answer Your Secret Question** page appears.



- 5. In the **Secret Answer** field, type in the answer to your secret question.
- 6. Click the **Next** button. An email with a default password is sent to your email address. A link to sign in appears.



7. Click the link to sign in with your default password. See **Logging In – First Time**.

Changing Your User Name

▼To change your user name:

- 1. Place your mouse-pointer over **Account Settings** on the menu bar.
- 2. Select **Change Password** from the drop-down menu. The **Change Password or User Name** page appears.



- 3. In the **Current Password** field, type your current password.
- 4. In the **New User Name** field, type your new user name.
- 5. Click the **Save** button. A success message appears.

Changing Your Password

▼To change your password:

- 1. Place your mouse-pointer over **Account Settings** on the menu bar.
- 2. Select **Change Password** from the drop-down menu. The **Change Password or User Name** page appears.



 In the Current Password field, type your current password. In the New Password field, type your new password. In Confirm New Password field, type your new password again.

Note: Passwords must be at least six characters long, contain at least one number, and contain at least one capitalized letter.

4. Click the **Save** button. A success message appears.

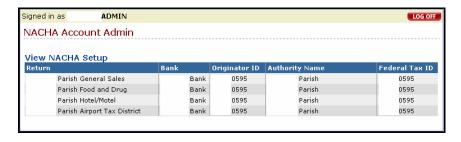
Viewing NACHA Information

Taxpayers who wish to make payments using ACH Credit have been instructed to call the parish office to retrieve the parish's bank account information. Provide taxpayers with the information in this table to allow them to initiate payment to your parish.

If this information is incorrect or outdated, please contact our office. See **Additional Information Resources**.

▼To view NACHA Information:

Place your mouse-pointer over **Account Settings** on the menu bar. Select **Nacha Info** from the drop-down menu. The **NACHA Account Admin** page appears.



Customizing Taxpayer and Parish Settings

Blocking ACH Credit Payments

You can block a taxpayer from making ACH Credit payments from a location in your parish.

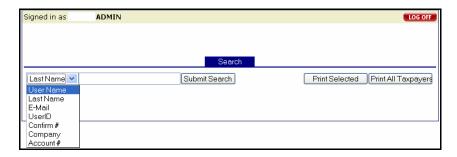
Use this feature at your discretion. Blocking ACH credit payments and online filing may prevent taxpayers from making payment and from filing online returns on time.

It is the taxing authority or taxing authority representative's responsibility to inform taxpayers when they have been blocked from making ACH credit payments or from filing online returns.

ParishE-File.com does **not** notify taxpayers when they have been blocked from either of these features and does not assume responsibility penalties resulting from errors made by a taxing authority or taxpayer.

▼ To block a taxpayer from making ACH credit payments:

1. Click **User Search** on the menu bar. The **Search** page appears with two fields.



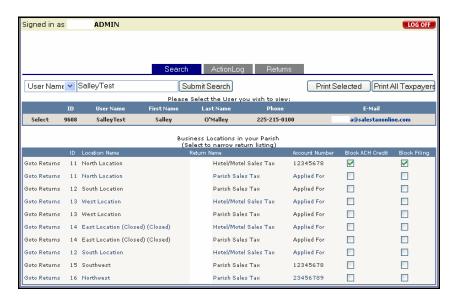
- 2. Select an option from the drop-down menu. Type in the field.
- 3. Click the **Submit Search** button. A table of Users appears.



4. Click **Select** in the row of the taxpayer you wish to block. A table of **Business Locations in Your Parish** appears.



5. Click the checkbox labeled **Block Credit** in the row of the location you wish to block. Your changes have been saved.



Blocking Online Filing

You can block a taxpayer from filing online returns for a location in your parish.

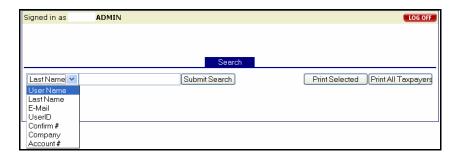
Note: Use this feature at your discretion. Blocking ACH credit payments and online filing may prevent taxpayers from making payment and from filing online returns on time.

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▼ To block a taxpayer from filing returns online:

1. Click **User Search** on the menu bar. The **Search** page appears with two fields.



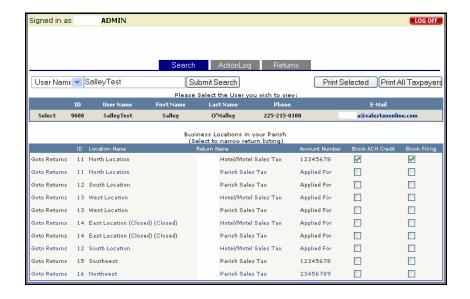
- 2. Select an option from the drop-down menu. Type in the field.
- 3. Click the **Submit Search** button. A table of Users appears.



4. Click **Select** in the row of the taxpayer you wish to block. A table of **Business Locations in Your Parish** appears.



5. Click the checkbox labeled **Block Filing** in the row of the location you wish to block. Your changes have been saved.

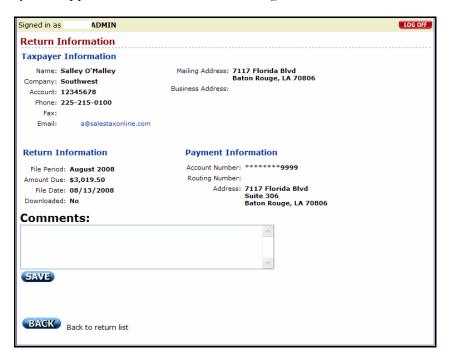


Entering Comments (Private)

Taxing authorities can type comments about a return. To access the comment box, see **Viewing Returns** or **Searching for Taxpayers**.

▼To enter private comments about a return:

1. Type in the **Comments** field. Click the **Save** button to save your comments. A symbol appears in the return list indicating that a comment has been entered.



Setting Filing Preferences

▼To set filing preferences:

- 1. Place your mouse-pointer over **Account Settings** on the menu bar.
- 2. Select **Filing Preferences** from the drop-down menu. The **Preferences** page appears.



- 3. Click the checkbox marked **Round All Numbers** to round all numbers on your returns to the nearest dollar.
- 4. Click the checkbox marked **Disable Nightly Email Alerts** to stop the system from emailing you about returns available for downloading.
- 5. Or, set a threshold dollar amount for the nightly email alerts. Only emails with dollar amounts at or above the threshold you have set will be sent.
- 6. Click Save.

Managing Filing Holidays

The Filing Holiday Calendar allows you to set filing holidays in your parish.

Holidays that are set by the system, the Louisiana Department of Revenue, or the United States Postal Service have already been set and cannot be removed.

Note: You cannot remove a holiday if it occurs within 30 days from the current date. Contact technical support.

▼To set a filing holiday:

- 1. Place your mouse-pointer over **Account Settings** on the menu bar.
- 2. Select **Holiday Calendar** from the drop-down menu. The **Find Date for Filing Holiday** page appears.



- 3. Select a parish from the drop-down menu. The calendar for the current month appears with the current date highlighted in light orange.
- 4. Use the arrows at the top of the calendar to view other months.
- 5. Click the date you want to set as a filing holiday. The date appears light purple. A confirmation message appears.



- 6. Click the checkbox marked **This IS a Filing Holiday**.
- 7. Click **Save**. The date appears dark orange.

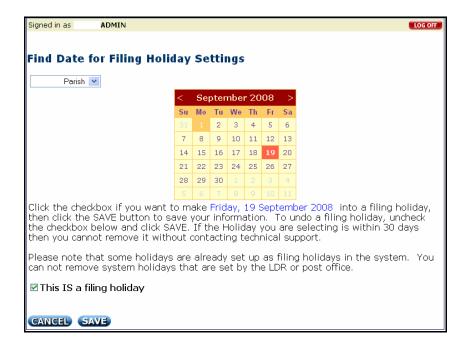


▼To remove a filing holiday:

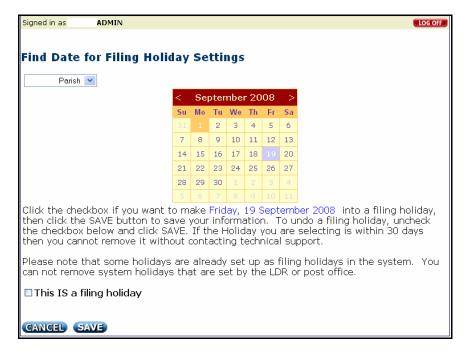
- 1. Place your mouse-pointer over **Account Settings** on the menu bar.
- 2. Select **Holiday Calendar** from the drop-down menu. The **Find Date for Filing Holiday** page appears.



- 3. Select a parish from the drop-down menu. The calendar for the current month appears with the current date highlighted in light orange. Filing holidays are highlighted in dark orange.
- 4. Use the arrows at the top of the calendar to view other months.
- 5. Click the date you wish to remove as a filing holiday. A confirmation message appears.



6. Click the checkbox marked **This IS a Filing Holiday** so that it is no longer checked.

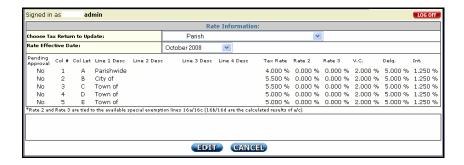


7. Click **Save**. The date appears light purple.

Managing Tax Rates

▼To view a current tax rate:

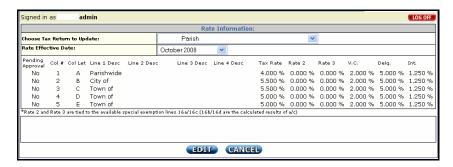
- 1. Place your mouse-pointer over **Account Settings** on the menu bar.
- 2. Select **Update Rates** from the drop-down menu. The **Rate Information Table** appears.



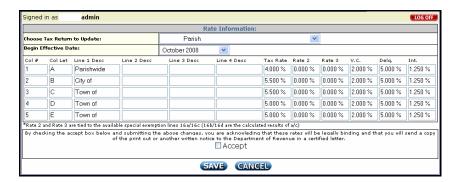
3. Select a return from the drop-down menu to view rates for that return.

▼To edit a tax rate:

- 1. Place your mouse-pointer over **Account Settings** on the menu bar.
- 2. Select **Update Rates** from the drop-down menu. The **Rate Information Table** appears.

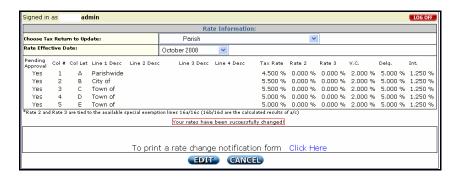


- 3. Select a **Return** from the drop-down menu to view rates for that return.
- 4. The **Rate Effective Date** field is the first month of the next quarter.
- 5. Click the **Edit** button. The page refreshes and text fields appear.

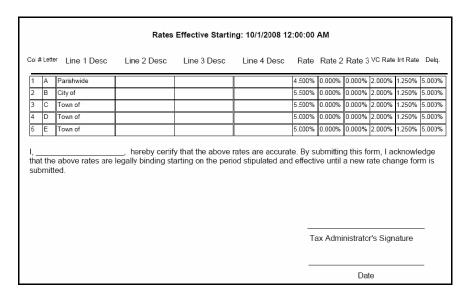


- 6. Type in the fields you wish to edit. **Include the % symbol** after typing in an edited tax rate. Type 5.5%, for example, not 5.5.
- 7. Read the Agreement. Click the checkbox labeled **Accept**.

8. Click **Save**. A success message appears.



9. To print a **Rate Change Notification** form, click the link **Click Here**. A **Rate Change Notification** form opens in a new window.



Print this form by clicking the printer icon in the upper-left corner in the PDF file viewer or print normally using your web browser.

10. **Note:** You must sign, date, and mail this form to Louisiana Department of Revenue at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the quarter for the rate change to take effect.

Mail to:

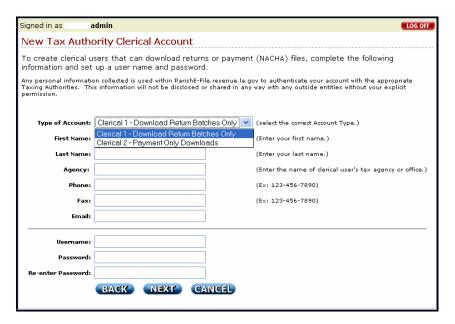
Louisiana Department of Revenue Attn: Debra Guillory P. O. Box 4849 Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4849

Chapter 10 Managing Clerical Users

Creating Clerical Users

▼To create a new clerical user:

- 1. Place your mouse-pointer over **Account Settings** on the menu bar.
- 2. Select **New Clerical User** from the drop-down menu. The **New Tax Authority Clerical Account** appears.

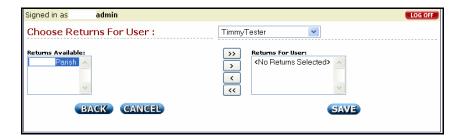


- 3. In the **Type of Account** field, select the type of clerical account from the drop-down menu. Clerical users must be created in pairs.
- 4. Type the contact information for the new user.
- 5. In the **User Name** field, type a user name for the clerical users.
- 6. In the **Password** field, type a password. In the **Re-Enter Password** field, type the password again.
- 7. Click the **Next** button. The **Choose Returns for User** page appears. See **Assigning Clerical User Locations, Steps 3-6**.

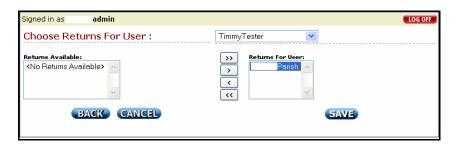
Assigning Clerical User Returns

▼To assign a clerical user return:

- 1. Place your mouse-pointer over **Account Settings** on the menu bar.
- 2. Select **Manage Clerical Users** from the drop-down menu. The **Choose Returns** for **User** page appears.
- 3. Select a user from the drop-down menu. Available returns for that user appear in the box marked **Returns Available**.



4. To assign a return to the selected user, click on an available return. Click the > arrow to move the return to the box labeled **Returns for User**.

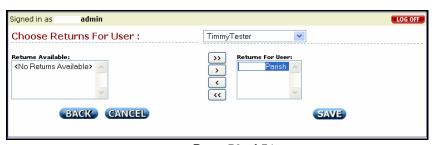


- 5. To assign all returns to a user, click the >> arrows. All returns appear in the box marked **Returns for User**.
- 6. Click **Save**. A success message appears.

Un-Assigning Clerical User Returns

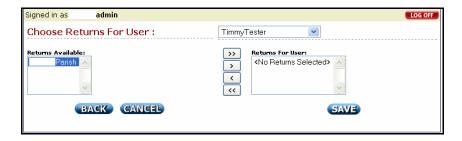
▼To un-assign a clerical user returns:

- 1. Place your mouse-pointer over **Account Settings** on the menu bar.
- 2. Select **Manage Clerical Users** from the drop-down menu. The **Choose Returns for User** page appears.
- 3. Select a user from the drop-down menu. Returns for that user appear in the box marked **Returns for User**.



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4. To un-assign a return from the selected user, click on a return. Click the < arrow to move the return to the box labeled **Returns Available**.



- 5. To assign all returns to a user, click the << arrows. All returns appear in the box marked **Returns Available**.
- 6. Click **Save**. A success message appears.